

By Ms. Katherine Morgan, Communications Support, PEO EIS



BG Burden receives the PEO EIS charter from Ms. Easter. Photo by Mr. Paul Lara,

BG Patrick Burden received the charter of the Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) on Nov. 29, during a ceremony held on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Ms. Steffanie Easter, the Army Acquisition Executive, presided over the ceremony in which the acting PEO EIS, Ms. Terry Watson, relinquished the charter to BG Burden. Ms. Watson had been serving as acting PEO since the November 2015 departure of Mr. Doug Wiltsie and will resume her role as Deputy PEO EIS. "Terry Watson has led this organization seamlessly and with great success through two transitions, in addition to having served as Deputy PEO for more than five years," commented BG Burden. "She is an extraordinary leader who has been the heart of the organization. Her commitment to the well-being of the team, the mission and the future of PEO EIS is commendable, and I join the team in thanking her for her leadership."

BG Burden returns to PEO EIS after serving as Deputy Program Executive Officer Ammunition and Senior Commander Picatinny Arsenal, where he led the mission to develop and procure conventional and leap-ahead munitions to increase the combat power.

Prior to his arrival to Picatinny, BG Burden served as the Deputy to the Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management

for the ASA(ALT). BG Burden entered the Army Acquisition Corps in 1994 and has held many acquisition assignments including previously at PEO EIS as the product manager for Joint Automatic Identification Technology and project manager for General Fund Enterprise Business System. "It is my distinct pleasure to return to PEO EIS to lead this remarkable team of Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors," said BG Burden. "PEO EIS's accomplishments are wellrespected throughout the acquisition community, as its dedication is Army Readiness and Modernization. The Army truly is powered by EIS."



of charter ceremony.



Ms. Easter stands with BG Burden and his family at the change of charter ceremony. (I to r) Ms. Easter, Dr. Veorah Burden, BG Burden, Ms. Khyra Burden, Mr. Prescott Burden, Ms. Kendra Burden, Ms. Kathy Burden and Mr. Charles Burden.



BG Burden addresses the crowd at the change of charter ceremony. Photo by Mr. Paul Lara, Belvoir Eagle

BG Burden was commissioned in the U.S. Army Field Artillery from Alabama A&M University and entered active duty in 1987. His tactical assignments include the 2d Battalion, 3d Field Artillery Regiment, 3d Armored Division in Kirchgoen, Germany, serving as a Company Fire Support Officer, Firing Battery Platoon Leader and Assistant S-3 (Operations Officer) – deploying with the battalion to Saudi Arabia in January 1991 and participating in Operations Desert Shield/Storm as the Assistant S-3; and the 210th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Lewis, Washington, serving as the Brigade Counter Fire Officer and later Firing Battery Commander for B Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Alabama A&M University and a Master of Science in management information systems from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College the Armed Forces Staff College, the Advanced Program Management Course at the Defense Systems Management College, and the U.S. Army Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the University of Texas – Austin.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the

Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster and several other awards and decorations including the Parachutist Badge and Army Staff Badge.

GCSS-ARMY COMPLETES 50% OF INCREMENT 1, WAVE 2 FULL SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT



Battalion during the GCSS-Army Wave 2 50% completion celebration at Fort Lee, VA.

On Nov. 4, Global Combat Support System - Army (GCSS-Army) achieved a major milestone in the full system deployment of Increment 1 by surpassing the 50 percent completion mark for Wave 2. System deployment for Increment 1 was divided into two waves in order to reduce risk and turbulence on the Army units receiving the solution. Wave 1, which replaced the Standard Army Retail Supply System, the Single Stock Fund/Middleware and the Funds Control Module, completed fielding in November 2015. Wave 2, which replaces the Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced and the Standard Army Maintenance System-Enhanced, began full deployment in August 2015 and is scheduled for 100 percent completion in November 2017.

The Wave 1 solution involved approximately 14,000

users throughout all Army components, while Wave 2 involved approximately 140,000 users. Lessons learned from the Wave 1 deployment help the GCSS-Army deployment team implement Wave 2 efficiently and effectively. With the completion of Wave 2 system deployment in November 2017, GCSS-Army Increment 1 will have moved the Army closer to its goals of achieving total asset visibility and reducing the logistics footprint.

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2016 – NOT JUST ANOTHER YEAR FOR THE LMP

By LTC Robert Williams, Product Manager, LMP



This year, the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) completed Increment 2, the largest and most comprehensive implementation since its first deployment in 2003. With the Full Deployment Decision in March, Full Fielding in May and declaration of Full Deployment in September, the LMP Product Management Office (PMO) delivered shop floor automation and other mission-critical

functionality in support of the Army Materiel Command (AMC) mission. With Increment 2, the LMP user base increased 43 percent to 30,000 and was delivered three months ahead of schedule and on budget, an exceptional accomplishment given its size and scope. The LMP PMO, in partnership with Communications – Electronics Command and the prime vendor, also executed one of the largest transition of services efforts in Army history, becoming the first of the Army Enterprise Resource Planning programs to move sustainment of the system from the prime vendor to the government.

The LMP PMO delivered these large-scale efforts while maintaining system availability at 99.9 percent, continuing to manage migration of system infrastructure to Defense Information Systems Agency and working to maximize the use of the LMP Total Package Fielding solution throughout Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. The LMP continues to equip, sustain, integrate and enable Soldiers – anytime, anywhere – and 2016 was an incredible year as the LMP expanded its reach and enhanced its capabilities to support AMC and Army readiness the world over.



By Mr. Glenn Hershfeld, Operations Manager, HR Solutions

HR Solutions, the Army's preferred strategic source for human resource knowledge-based services, achieved a major milestone in its ability to continue providing DOD requiring activities with full service centralized acquisition management and support services for human resource requirements. Two solicitations for the HR Solutions fifth generation of indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) Multiple Award Task Order Contracts (MATOCs) were posted to FedBizOps on Oct. 21 by Army Contracting Command – New Jersey with proposals due on Dec. 20. The solicitations cover two unique human resource mission areas supporting a wide variety of DOD human resource requirements. The resulting MATOCs will have a combined 10-year ordering period consisting of a five-year base period with five one-year option periods with a combined ceiling of \$7.6 billion. The two unique mission areas and associated ceilings are Personnel Lifecycle Support, with a ceiling of \$6.08 billion, and Recruitment and Management & Administrative Support, with a ceiling of \$1.52 billion. The Personnel Lifecycle Support mission area will have a mix of large and small businesses and provisions which allow the contracting officer to set-aside task orders for small business interests. The Recruitment and Management

& Administrative Support mission area will have a 100 percent set-aside for small business interests. HR Solutions anticipates awarding its fifth generation IDIQ MATOCs between the third quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018.

CHESS BRIEFS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF G-4

By Ms. Tricia Shelley, Public Affairs, CHESS

FY17 CHESS Event Schedule						
Date	Event	Location				
15-Dec-16	CHESS 101 Briefing	DCS				
19-Jan-17	RF Process & Reverse Auction Tutorial	DCS				
16-Feb-17	CHESS IT e-mart Tutorial	DCS				
16-Mar-17	CHESS 101 Briefing	DCS				
13-Apr-17	RF Process & Reverse Auction Tutorial	DCS				
18-May-17	CHESS IT e-mart Tutorial	DCS				
15-Jun-17	CHESS 101 Briefing	DCS				
13-Jul-17	RF Process & Reverse Auction Tutorial	DCS				
17-Aug-17	CHESS IT e-mart Tutorial	DCS				
14-Sep-17	CHESS 101 Briefing	DCS				

Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS) provided a program overview for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G-4 in Washington, D.C., in October. The program overview, given by Ms. Nicki Wilson, product lead, and Ms. Stacy Watson, Enterprise Solutions Division director, briefed CHESS contract vehicles and the consolidated buy program to CW5 Joachim Consiglio and other representatives from each Army Command, Service Component Command and Direct Reporting Unit during the property accountability action officer meeting. "Training sessions like this are imperative in strengthening Army partnerships across the enterprise, providing awareness of Army policy and, most importantly, supporting the Warfighter," stated Ms. Wilson.

CHESS provides a monthly training and tutorial session in addition to requested specialized trainings. The monthly trainings include the CHESS 101 brief, which provides detailed information about hardware, software and services contracts, a tutorial that explains the basic capabilities, functions

and features of the CHESS IT e-mart and a RF Process & Reverse Auction tutorial that demonstrates how to use the RF Process Tool to submit requests for quotes and how to develop a Reverse Auction. The training and tutorial scheduled is posted on the CHESS event calendar which can be found on the IT e-mart at https://chess.army.mil.

For additional information or to schedule a CHESS briefing or specialized training please contact Ms. Tricia Shelley at tricia.a.shelley.ctr@mail.mil.

ALTESS SHIFTS TO SERVICENOW

By Ms. Kassie McGuire, Acquisition Specialist, ALTESS



Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Enterprise Systems and Services (ALTESS) recently moved to a new IT service management tool, ServiceNow, which offers a more efficient way to track and manage work with a stable and consistent user experience. ServiceNow provides end-to-end visibility into ALTESS's Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)-based processes and is an automated platform for incident, change and problem management processes.

ALTESS made the decision to move from its previous IT service management tool because it was costly to maintain and the back-end complexities of keeping it up-to-date made ongoing management of the environment difficult. "ServiceNow is relatively easy to configure, making updates to processes or adding additional processes easier and less time consuming," explained Ms. Jennifer Stewart, an ALTESS IT service manager. "Additionally, the interface is streamlined and provides a consistent user experience across modules. This aids in training our user base and helps the teams adapt to new processes quicker and easier."

In June, ALTESS released the first phase of the transition, which included basic functions including incident management, problem management and change management. Since then, they have implemented an automated process for purchase order requests, revised several workflows in the system to streamline the server build and decommissioning processes and configured new processes for tracking purchases and moving equipment within the data center. Each of these updates has provided stakeholders with a faster, cleaner way to track tasks assigned to them. The second phase of the transition, completed in October, included purchasing process and expanded requirements in the IT service management functions. ServiceNow also offers a wide variety of capabilities that ALTESS has yet to implement. "Our biggest challenge is getting organizational concurrence on policies related to these capabilities, since none exist currently, as well as the resources to design, document, configure and test these new process areas" said Ms. Stewart.

COLLABORATION: IPPS-A PROGRAMS' APPROACH TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

By Mr. Andre Revell II, Communications Support, IPPS-A

From Oct. 27-28, COL Darby McNulty, project manager, Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A), led an off-site meeting for programs within the IPPS-A portfolio including IPPS-A Increment II, Army Human Resource Systems, Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care, Distributed Learning Systems and Force Management System. The goal of the meeting was to bring together the program leaders and key support staff, discuss current challenges and future opportunities, share ideas and foster collaboration.

The off-site was one of many initiatives made by the IPPS-A programs to use the restructuring of the PEO EIS organization as

an opportunity to collaborate. On the first day of the offsite, product leads presented updates on their programs and held a round-table discussion. Day two consisted of breakout sessions addressing specific areas of interest based on the topics discussed during day one. "From improving operational health care and documentation patient supporting force structure. the PM IPPS-A programs have different missions but we all share one common theme: the





COL Darby McNulty makes initial remarks during the IPPS-A Programs off-site meeting, one of many initiatives to foster collaboration across the organizations aligned to the IPPS-A portfolio.

Soldier. We are all developing systems to improve the lives of Soldiers at every level within the Army. This forum provides an environment where we can bounce ideas off of each other and share lessons learned so that Soldiers receive the best capabilities, because they deserve it," said COL McNulty.

The IPPS-A programs plan on continuing to host off-site meetings, tracking their progress and building strong relationships across the portfolio. For more information about IPPS-A, visit www.ipps-a.army.mil.

NEW PL AT DWTS



On Oct. 28, LTC August Muller accepted the charter as the new product lead (PL) for Defense-Wide Transmission Systems (DWTS) during a ceremony held on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. COL Charles Stein, project manager (PM), Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems (DCATS), presided over transition of the charter from the outgoing acting PL, Mr. Patrick Barnette, who will resume his role as deputy. During the ceremony, Mr. Barnette received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for his commendable service to DCATS and DWTS.

With nearly 23 years of military service, LTC Muller has held many other acquisition

throughout his career and most recently served as the product director for the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program. As the PL for DWTS, he will manage the team responsible for lifecycle management of major defense terrestrial and satellite communications (SATCOM) programs, including the Combat Service Support (CSS) Automated Information Systems Interface, the CSS SATCOM Very Small Aperture Terminal and the World-Wide Technical Control Improvement Program. "LTC Muller comes to PM DCATS as a known quantity to our team," said COL Stein. "His experience and success in other PEO EIS programs give us confidence that he will be an excellent addition to the PM DCATS team. I look forward to supporting him and seeing him continue to perform at a very high level."

During the ceremony, LTC Muller outlined his three main focuses: providing the best goods and services to Soldiers, cultivating and maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders and understanding the strategic landscape. "My goal is to enable our team to be innovative and to deliver truly best-value solutions to all of our Warfighters," stated LTC Muller.

P2E SYNCS WITH GLOBAL STAKEHOLDERS

By Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, Strategic Communications Specialist, P2E

LTC Gregory Soulé, product manager, Power Projection Enablers (P2E), traveled to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in October to attend the Southwest Asia Theater Synchronization Review (TSR). Hosted by 335th Signal Command Theater Provisional and U.S. Army Central Command (ARCENT) G-6, the event included representatives from all major stakeholders, such as Chief Information Officer/G-6, U.S. Central Command, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan, PEO EIS, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command and the 160th Signal Brigade. Stakeholder representatives provided briefings of their various areas of responsibility along with signal-related challenges they are facing. Topics ranged in scope from difficulties with the theater operations and maintenance contract, to inside cable plant/outside cable plant requirements in Iraq. The week also included a resource management conference which focused on finalizing ARCENT's fiscal year (FY)17 unfunded requirement list and FY18/19 projected requirements.

As P2E continues to execute FY17 initiatives, LTC Soulé will attend a TSR in the Pacific Theater with the 311th Signal Command Theater, 1st Signal Brigade and 516th Signal Brigade, followed by a TSR in the Europe Theater with 5th Signal Command, 102nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Signal Brigade, U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Africa Command J6 and U.S. European Command J6 to discuss high level priorities, requirements and project updates.

WESS WC COMPLETES INTERGRATED SYSTEMS READINESS TEST

By Ms. Tania Perciaccante, Mr. Isaac Gusman Jr. and Mr. Roderick Thompson, WESS



Matrix personnel from CERDEC verifying test results and signal on a Spectrum Analyzer.

The Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS) Project Officer Wideband Control (WC) recently completed an Integrated Systems Readiness Test (iSRT) to support the next generation of Wideband Global Satellite Communications (WGS) satellites. The test encompassed software and hardware updates for the payload control subsystems required by WGS, also known as WGS Block II Follow-on. Systems Readiness Tests are critical for every WC version release because it independently verifies the software and hardware's probability for comprehensive documentation, successful installation, maintenance procedures and trouble-free operations for the user. The WGS-8 satellite is scheduled to launch Dec. 7 aboard the Delta IV rocket. Each payload control subsystem is an integral part of the Wideband Satellite Communications Operations Management Systems (WSOMS) that provides the Defense Satellite Communications Control for U.S. joint and allied warfighters around the world. This upgrade will increase the bandwidth available to deployed

forces and improves the Army's readiness for the full range of today's threats.

Systems requiring hardware and software updates include Defense Satellite Communications System Integrated Management System, which manages information among the various subsystems providing data movement and storage, Global Satellite Communications Configuration Control Element (GSCCE), which controls spacecraft payload and monitors platform health, performance and the state of the payload configuration, Wideband Satellite Communications Operational Management System Network, or WSOMSNet, which included expansion of the private, secure wide-area network infrastructure and WSOMS Workstation, which provides client access to each system.

Subsystems requiring only software updates included Common Network Planning Software, which allows operators to plan satellite communications links and services, Wideband Remote Monitoring Sensor, which allows operators to monitor satellite communications signals and perform manual dwell and analysis operations on collected signals, Joint Management Operations Subsystem and Remote Monitor & Control Element (RMCE) Phase II, which included expansion of the private, secure wide-area network infrastructure to support additional needs for an Unclassified ePolicy Orchestrator and hardware additions for GSCCE.

The iSRT, which spanned nine weeks, was performed by the WC Independent Verification and Validation personnel using four simulated Wideband Satellite Communications Operations Centers, two RMCE remote sites and 11 simulated satellites. Stakeholders, including the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the 53rd Signal Battalion, provided subject matter experts to observe the iSRT. These enhancements to strategic satellite communications capabilities significantly increases the speed and global reach of information while connecting the global Army.

MC4 UPGRADES BRING ARMY ONE STEP CLOSER TO DEPLOYING NEW DOD EHR

By MC4 Strategic Communications

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) is fielding its latest updated computer systems for theater-based combat medics, health professionals and medical logistics users. New Getac semi-ruggedized laptops began outside continental United States shipping earlier this year so they would be ready for the new software update, which started arriving in November. According to MC4 configuration experts, these upgrades will bring users faster processing, improved daylight viewing, better security, increased durability and significantly more computing power. About 85 percent of this new power will be applied to patient care functions and 15 percent to medical supply ordering and inventory. "Providing combat medics and other health professionals with updated equipment is essential to our mission," said Mr. Matthew Maier, product director, MC4. "This latest fielding is especially noteworthy because we're one step closer to the new Defense Department's electronic health record (EHR), which will enhance care and follow soldiers from deployment through retirement." As the provider of the Army's only deployable capability to document patient care, the MC4 product development office does more than ship hardware and provide updates. Systems administrators and trainers provide necessary on-site assistance due to various in-country network requirements, unique challenges with integrating complex software packages and the need to safeguard equipment from harsh theater environments. There are approximately 650 active users in the U.S. European Command, Pacific Command, AFRICOM and Central Command areas of responsibility who will benefit from this current fielding of faster, more secure Windows 10-compatible systems. MC4 logistics management says the effort is scheduled to wrap up by Jan. 31, 2017. "We will continue working with Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems over the next few years toward fielding the unified Military Health System Genesis EHR," said Mr. Maier. "It is essential to have an Army program office fielding these systems to minimize the resources required, promote efficiency and provide comprehensive capabilities to operational units who could not do this themselves."

TAO HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RETIRES

By Ms. Virginia E. Foreback, Administrative Management Specialist, TAO



On Oct. 25, the Technology Applications Office (TAO) celebrated the retirement of Ms. Sharon Kollman, who served as the human resource and administrative officer since April 2010. In the Operations Support Section, Ms. Kollman managed and supervised all phases of human resources and administrative functions involved in the complex, diverse and specialized aspects of the Army environment that supported the DOD, Army special programs and sensitive activities. Ms. Kollman distinguished herself during a career spanning nearly 13 years of federal service and 18 years as a government contractor. She ultimately led TAO in providing rapid mission-critical communications-electronics solutions to the DOD's highest priority warfighters. Her distinguished accomplishments reflect great credit upon herself, her units of assignment and the United States Army.

Upon her retirement, Ms. Kollman received the Superior Civilian Service Award signed by Ms. Terry L.

Watson, PEO EIS. This award is the third highest provided to civilian employees within agencies of the U.S. federal government. She was also presented with a U.S. flag flown over the Pentagon, TAO certificate of appreciation from Mr. John Swart, product lead, and a certificate of retirement.

Congratulations, Sharon!

MC4 TOWN HALL CONCLUDES WITH FUN AND GAMES

By MC4 Strategic Communications



"Comeone, comeall," Ms. Aileen Solomon said as she welcomed the Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) team to the carnival-themed organization day earlier this fall. The festivities were held at Fort Detrick's Nallin Pond Pavilion in Maryland, which proved to be a beautiful backdrop for a festive afternoon of good food, fun games and other activities. The morning began with MC4's fourth quarter fiscal year 2016 Town Hall, held at the Fort Detrick Chapel, which included both on-site and remote organization-wide participation. The focus of the event was an Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A) portfolio update, presented by COL Darby McNulty, project manager, IPPS-A, and an MC4 program update from Mr. Matthew Maier, product director, MC4. After the Town Hall

concluded, MC4 staff headed to the pavilion to enjoy organizational activities.

Mr. Maier made town hall meetings a quarterly event when he assumed charter of MC4 in July 2015, with the goal of increasing communication and engagement among staff. The MC4 team provides the Army's only deployable capability to document patient care.

RCAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS KICK OFF FY17 RCB

By Mr. Robert G. Medley, Public Affairs Officer and Chief Training Director, RCAS



The Oct. 27th meeting was held at the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve Headquarters building on Fort Belvoir, VA.

On Oct. 27, the RCAS Board of Directors, comprised of Mr. Dennis Lujan, product lead, Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS), key information technology leaders and functional stakeholders of the Army National Guard (ARNG) and U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), kicked off the first Requirements Control Board (RCB) meeting for fiscal year (FY)17. The October 2016 RCB theme of "Owning Requirements; Owning the Future; Enabled through RCAS" centered on how RCAS enables requirements for Army Reserve Component customers.

RCAS staff presented attendees with the projected program budget posture, technical management and software engineering updates, the status of

application training, FY16 product and environment refresh status as well as Military Construction Program and Distributed Learning Program support updates. The RCB meeting gave ARNG and USAR leadership the opportunity to communicate directly with Mr. Lujan and key RCAS staff regarding their current activities and strategic topics that support their respective information technology capabilities and requirements.

Another topic of discussion was the possible creation of functional governance boards under each of the RCAS application families Mobilization Planning Data Viewer, Force Authorization, Personnel and Safety and Occupational Health. It was proposed that as inputs are brought in from the field, the boards build the roadmaps that are signed off on by system owners. Further discussions are planned to ensure the approved roadmaps flow through the RCAS Agile Solution Factory to inform senior leaders prior to an RCB of the capability requested, the changes to be made and how changes will be implemented to achieve desired outcomes.

The RCB forum continues to offer the ARNG and USAR information technology leaders and functional stakeholders the ideal platform to address their individual and collective technology requirements within the Army's Reserve Component. The next RCB is scheduled for April 2017.



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